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Letter to Sonora Dodd from Herbert W. Lorenz, May 29, 1918

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May 29th, 1918.

Mrs. John Bruce Dodd, Pres.,

Father's Day Association,

Spokane, Washington.

My dear Mrs. Dodd:-

I am enclosing the article which you requested in your letter of the 10th, and trust that it is what you want. You will also find my photo enclosed, which you requested in connection with this article.

If you decide to have this article published in the "Spokane Daily Chronicle" and papers of the "American Press Association", will you kindly forward me copies of the various papers and I shall gladly reimburse you.

It is my intention to boost Father's Day all that I possibly can, especially in my home city, namely Jersey City, N. J., which is only a few miles from here, and was wondering whether you would care to clip the enclosed article out of the "Spokane Daily Chronicle" when it appears and forward it to the "Editor of the Jersey Journal, Jersey City, N.J.", requesting that same be published in their paper, explaining that I am a Jersey City soldier and wrote the article for publication in your Spokane paper and "American Press Association".

Kindly advise whether you think this practicable. I am anxious that the churches of this country celebrate Father's Day on June 16th, and especially the churches in Jersey City. I shall speak in one of the churches of Jersey City on Father's Day, having spoken on Mother's Day, also. I am anxious that Father's Day be observed by not only the church folk, but each individual and shall be pleased to have you forward my article to the Editor of the Jersey Journal, after it has appeared in the Spokane paper, as I believe this will be the best method to use in arousing the people of Jersey City and endeavoring to induce them to observe Father's Day.

Awaiting anxiously reply, and thanking you in advance, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

H. W. Lorenz
Quartermaster Depot,
Camp Mills,
Long Island, N.Y.

P.S. Trust that Father's Day will be observed throughout the country on June 16th.

Attached please find copy of letter which I sent to the Editor of the Epworth Herald,

Photo will follow within a few days.

May 20, 1911.

Mr. John Bruce Lodge, Esq.,

Father's Day Association,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Lodge:-

I am enclosing the article which you requested in your letter of the 14th, and I am sure it is what you want. You will also find my other articles which you requested in connection with this article.

If you decide to have this article published in the "Sovereign Daily Chronicle" and one of the "American Press Association", will you kindly forward me copies of the various papers and I shall gladly acknowledge them.

It is my intention to have Father's Day all the year round, especially in my home city, namely Jersey City, N.J., which is only a few miles from here, and was wondering whether you would care to give the enclosed article one of the "Sovereign Daily Chronicle" when it appears and forward it to the Editor of the Jersey Journal, Jersey City, N.J., please. It is also published in their paper, explaining that I am a Jersey City resident and would appreciate for publication in your "Sovereign Paper" and "American Press Association".

Kindly advise whether you can give this article. I am sure that the Editor of this country paper, Father's Day on June 15th, and especially the churches in Jersey City, I will speak in one of the churches on Father's Day, having known an Father's Day since I was an infant. I am sure it will be a great success and will be a great help to the cause of Father's Day. I will be pleased to have Father's Day article in the "Sovereign Paper", as I believe the Jersey Journal, after it has appeared in the "Sovereign Paper", as I believe I will be the best method to use in arousing the people of Jersey City and endeavoring to induce them to observe Father's Day.

Respectfully and eagerly yours, and thanking you in advance, I am,

Very truly,

John Bruce Lodge,

Jersey City, N.J.

June 15, 1911.

I am sure that Father's Day will be observed throughout the country on June 15th.

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FATHER'S DAY

"A few weeks ago, Mothers' Day was observed by the various churches, societies and individuals in almost each city of the United States and in many of the European cities. This is a day which is becoming more popular each year, not only with those at home, but among the boys and men in the army and navy as well. This year, General Pershing requested each man in the army to send a letter home to mother on that day. Mothers' Day was originated several years ago by a Philadelphia woman, who put a beautiful thought into action, which is adding happiness to the life of mother.

It was a woman who originated the idea of "Mothers' Day" and it was "woman" who felt that father, too, should have recognition and praise. The originator of "Fathers' Day" is Mrs. John Bruce Dodd, of Spokane, Washington, and it is to none other but Mrs. Dodd to whom the fathers of this country are indebted for the day which is set aside in their honor each year.

Not enough praise can be bestowed upon Mother, but equally as much praise should go to Father, who works hard for children and home without a word of complaint, although only father knows how both difficult and disagreeable his work often is, but his love for the ones at home is too great to smother their joy by telling them his troubles and he comes home with a forced smile at times, endeavoring to cheer up his loved ones. Father, who for years has worked hard without a word of praise, is at last receiving the honor which is rightfully his and a day has been set aside for father, also, which is being observed in many states of the Union.

We have been observing Children's Day, Mothers' Day and, last but not least, Fathers' Day, which is comparatively new and which is becoming more popular each year. For several years, Fathers' Day has been observed by the Western States only, but it is steadily moving Eastward. A red rose should be worn if we are so fortunate as to have Father still with us and a white rose in memory of Father if he has passed away.

Sunday, June 16th, is the day which has been designated as "Fathers' Day" this year and it is my earnest wish that this day be observed the country over and that appropriate reference will be made to that fact in all churches."

(Herbert W. Lorenz) Herbert W. Lorenz,

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